

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1 of the substitute specification, please delete para. [0001] and replace it with the following:

[0001] This application is a ~~continuation~~ continuation-in-part of U.S. Design Patent Application No. 29/117,520 filed on January 26, 2000, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety ~~by reference~~.

At page 10 of the substitute specification, please delete the para. [0035] and replace with the following:

[00035] The shield 45 ~~has~~ a tubular-shaped shield body 47 that substantially surrounds the medial portion 43 of the trocar body 41 and biasing means, e.g., provided by a spring 48 or other biasing member, positioned between the outer surface of the second section 43'' of the medial portion 43 of the trocar body 41 and an inner surface of the tubular-shaped shield body 47, and positioned in contact with and extending between the first section 43' and an inwardly extending shoulder 51 of shield 45 that extends inwardly. The trocar body 41 preferably includes a trocar body transition region having an outer surface extending outwardly from the medial portion 43 ~~of to~~ the proximal portion 44, forming a shield stop 49 when the shield 45 is biased to the retracted position. The shield stop 49 is preferably a first shield stop, and a second shield stop 46, such as provided by a rod or pin member can also or alternatively be connected to the trocar body 41 and cooperates with the shield body 47, e.g., to extend through a slot formed therein, to provide an alternative or an auxiliary stop for the shield body 47 when moving to the retracted position.